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(54) Title: CUTTING SHEET MATERIAL

(57) Abstract

Apparatus for cutting sheet material comprises a hand-manoeuvrable body (10) comprising separate superimposed parts (11, 12) with a gap (13) between in which a sheet material (23) can be received. The parts are physically connected only by a blade (14), and a pressure means (22), e.g. a freely rotatable wheel is provided to tension the sheet in front of the blade. The gap (13) may be sinusoidal for support, and tensioning of the sheet. A window (24) is provided for viewing the sheet in front of the blade (14).

